

**Town Hall Meeting Summary
February 27, 2010
YMCA on Meadows Lane**

Attendance

Mayor Oscar B. Goodman
Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian
Betsy Fretwell
Department Directors

Summary of Event

There were approximately 60 participants in attendance. Following the presentation by the City Manager, written questions were moderated and are indicated below.

Audience questions included the following:

1. We need to give more to the kids and more to the older people.
2. A comment was made about the community service program. The participant's son was sentenced to community service and the officer responsible didn't adequately supervise or enforce the sentence.
3. A comment was made about a sanitation worker (truck 1226 – Republic Services) littering.
4. A comment was made about the fact that 25% of the art at First Fridays is graffiti art. The Mayor should separate graffiti art from tagging when he speaks about it.
5. Because of incompetence, the City is going to lose valuable employees and will have to enforce pay cuts. The City Hall project shouldn't go forward. What is the cost to every man, woman, and child in the City?
6. Are banks paying property taxes on foreclosed homes?
7. Fine people who litter.
8. The police don't respond in a timely fashion to request such as tagging.
9. A request was made to keep X-treme sports and other activities in the northwest. The kids are our future.
10. A comment was made applauding the efforts of the Elected and Executive Team for giving up their Saturday to provide the presentation.

The following were questions/suggestions/comments that were provided and will be included in the public record.

Questions regarding CLV Budget

11. Why is the CLV continuing to reduce overall tax base through real state tax with RDA projects, when the only benefit to the citizens will come from City tax and licensing fees?

Questions regarding Public Safety

12. Why is the fire prevention division singled out by city management, when these services are of high importance to the community? All year the fire chief has worked with a budget and has made concession in the fire department to meet budget cuts.
13. Explain why layoffs and brownouts are needed for fire & rescue, when the budget for salaries and benefit are the same for FYR 2010 & 2011?
14. You state that you insure fire and rescue safety was taken into consideration, the best safety is "prevention." Not having enough units to cover emergency calls will lead to loss of lives and law suits.
15. Present to citizens the correct statistics of what the true impact of loss and reduction of fire fighters will have on them.
16. Please keep the city jails fully staffed, the public needs to be kept safe at all times.
17. Why is fire services losing 21 employees and Channel 2, losing 2 employees only? Help me understand why public TV. is more important that public safety?

Questions regarding Union Negotiations

18. When is Chief Gammon going to start working as hard as the Sheriff Gillespie to save the city money and labor?
19. Why is the mayor trying to negotiate in the bad faith by selecting certain partners of bargaining unit to force wage reduction? Sit down with all party representatives and negotiate in good faith.

Leisure Services

20. Please keep the AM Jam program, very good program to keep kids active.

21. Lets come together to keep extreme sports alive in Las Vegas.
22. Please keep the “sparks” tot program for autistic children. We need places as this to bring the autistic children in our community.
23. Please keep our extreme sports. They are a positive impact to our kids.
24. The extreme sports program is not a big part of the city budget; please keep them as these sports are giving youths a sense of belonging and personal growth.
25. Are we losing one employee from each center and what centers are closing?
26. I’m a city employee and I’m aware of to leisure service center that use excessive lights. Can you do an audit to see how much utility is being used?

Miscellaneous

27. Isn’t it time to consolidate city and county courts? Are we paying twice for Metro Police? We appear to be taxed as city and county residents.
28. Why we’re personnel cuts made by city management and not department heads? Do you not trust them to do their job, allow department heads to manage their department budget?